GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF EMBASSY COMPLEX IN BRAZIL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Embassy in Brazil continues to hire accommodation to house the various functionaries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when the Embassy Complex is likely to be constructed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)
(a) Yes.
(b) & (c) The Government had initiated steps at various points of time for undertaking the construction project, including engagement of an architect for the conceptual layout plan and for determination of the estimated cost of construction. The economic viability of the project was not established due to very high cost of construction prevailing in Brazil as compared to the relatively lower rental structure. As the cost of construction has now come down and the project has become economically viable, the requisite planning for the project has commenced. After completion of pre-construction procedures and obtaining due administrative/financial approvals, actual construction will begin. The intention of the Government is to complete the project without delay.